

SUBJECT: Adding clarifying information to a notice of injured employee rights

COMMITTEE: Business and Industry — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Martinez Fischer, Darby, Beckley, Collier, Landgraf, Moody, Parker, Patterson

0 nays

1 absent — Shine

WITNESSES: For — William Lawson, Texas Chiropractic Association; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Chris Jones, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas; Rene Lara, Texas AFL-CIO; Jeff Cunningham, Texas Chiropractic Association; Jennifer Deakins and Tommy Lucas, Texas Optometric Association)

Against — None

On — Amy Lee, Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Fred Bosse, American Property Casualty Insurance Association; Andria Franco, Office of Injured Employee Counsel)

DIGEST: HB 741 would require a notice to an injured employee by the public counsel of the Office of Injured Employee Counsel to inform the employee that the employee had the right to choose a treating doctor, including a doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, optometry, dentistry, podiatry, or chiropractic who was licensed and authorized to practice.

The public counsel would have to adopt the amended notice by December 1, 2019.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.